

Wigan Borough Community Cycling Club

Minutes of the E.G.M. and General Meeting

St. Matthew's Parish Centre. 2:00pm 20th March 2017

Members present

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Keith Gore, Roy Unsworth, Peter Hudson, Denis Marsden, David Pulford, Mark Holland, Chris Longden, Steve Brittle, Ray Southern, Joyce Southern, Phil Donougher, Richard Smith, Eric Dailey, Brent Holland, Jim Heyes, Paul Boffey, John Bower, Clive Chatterton

Apologies

Phil Bithell, John Sills, Chris Jones, Tony Gerrard, Enid Pomfret, Margaret Green, Doreen Pukitis, Harold Hampson, Len Winnard, Ken Green, Thelma Wilmer, Liz Halliwell, Sue Bradley, Phil Bradley, Rita Keeling, Ritchie Hoey, Tracy Mercer, Alan Gough, Alan Clarke

1. The meeting was opened by Jim T who welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. Apologies received and recorded above.
3. The revised club constitution.

Jim T gave a brief explanation that 4 members of the steering group had volunteered to review the constitution (Doreen, Mark H, Phil Bradley and Keith). The sub-group submitted a revised version of the constitution to the steering group. After lengthy discussion a final draft was agreed and sent to all members.

Jim T asked if any member had any views or disagreed with any aspect of the draft constitution.

John Bower gave his view that the wording of paragraph 3 in the membership section was unclear. Which reads:-

There will be an annual review of club membership. Members who fail to inform the secretary within 3 months of their intention to retain their membership will be deemed to have resigned from the club.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the word "inform" be changed to "respond to". An amendment was proposed by Clive Chatterton seconded by Phil Donougher that the constitution be accepted with the change of wording.

This was put to a vote and unanimously accepted.

Jim ended by thanking the members of the sub-group for their work in producing the new constitution.

General meeting

1. Finance Report.

Phil gave an itemised report on the club finances. He indicated that the finances were healthy with no significant outlay anticipated in the near future.

2. Updates from AGM (28 November 2016).

A) Ride Calendar

Jim reported that club rides for April to early June were available to members on the website. He also thanked the members who formulated the Programme. Also thanks to members who are planning and leading the Tuesday and Thursday rides.

B) TFGM

Steve reported that the road riding skills courses training sessions would be on Mondays and would be held locally approximately 2 hrs duration (dates to be arranged).

C) Joining Jack Ride

Richard explained that a 6 week training programme is planned commencing Sunday 21st May 2016. The first ride is 20 mls increasing by 5 mls per week. A lot of interest has been shown and some volunteers have offered to help out.

D) On Your Bike Project

Richard informed the meeting that WLCT had been successful with their bid for the above project and explained how much work they will be able to complete within the community. Jim also reported that he felt sure that the testimonials written by members of the club would have done a great deal in helping to achieve success with the bid.

E) Christmas Celebration

Jim explained that last year 4 separate functions were held. He then handed over to Phil who reported that the club Christmas function this year would be held at the Ravine club on Friday 8th December. We have booked John Martin who is a very well-known and popular artist.

F) Women on Wheels Update

Jim reported that the taster ride had gone down well. He further informed members that a video had been made by Thelma, called "Thelma's ride" which is available to view on YouTube.

At the time of the meeting the video had 100,000 hits. Jim commented what a fantastic job Thelma had done. Videos like this can only enhance cycling for everyone.

G) Community Cafe

Phil informed the meeting that Lynette who runs the cafe is leaving. However, a new person has been appointed to replace her.

H) Steering Group Update

Code of conduct review. Members have been asked to read through the code of conduct to consider whether it is suitable for the club or if they feel it requires any changes.

3. **Garmin Training**
Mark explained that he had received a lot of interest in the training. However, due to work commitments, he hadn't had chance to set up any dates but he would plan dates as soon as possible.
4. **Pre-ride Bike Checks**
Jim asked members if they thought it would be advantageous for us to adopt these checks. He further added that leaders on Sky and Breeze rides carry out these checks. After lengthy discussions it was decided to adopt the checks.
5. **Way of the Roses Ride**
Jim updated members that the ride would now run from Ripon to Lancaster. He outlined the reasons for the change in direction and reported that bikes, hotel and coach were all booked.
6. **Ride Leader Rota**
Phil reported that a significant number of members are now getting involved in planning and leading rides and helping out in other positions - back marker etc.
7. **Any Other Business**
Dennis asked if there would be any possibility of changing the Tuesday morning ride start time back to 10:00 am. After discussion it was decided that Jim and Phil Brown would consult with the community cafe to explore the possibility.

Jim explained to members that he had been speaking with a member of the Brick Project, which works with homeless people. He has arranged for a member of the group to give a short talk to members to give an insight into the work they do.

Richard informed the meeting that the Three Sisters fun day will take place on Wednesday 14th June. Volunteers welcome.
8. **Date of next meeting:**
2pm on Monday 17 July 2017. St. Matthew's Parish Centre